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FBI Director In Good Health

J. Edgar Hoover, who will be 75 on Jan. 1, passed his annual physical with a grade of "A-plus," Attorney General John N. Mitchell said yesterday, giving a strong hint that Hoover will stay on as director of the FBI.

Hoover has served since he reached the retirement age of 70 under special orders by Presidents Johnson and Nixon, both of whom made clear that he could stay on as long as he wanted to and if his health stayed good.

"I hope he stays on as long as the President wants him to," said Mitchell in an interview. "We have enjoyed a close and good relationship."